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Ms. Francine Torres, Administrator National Organic Standards Board

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Dear Ms. Torres:

This letter is in response to the USDA's request for further comments on pasturing standards.

Strong organic standards and humane animal treatment are very important to me for my own personal health as well as the health of the planet. Therefore, I support the Livestock Committee recommendations on pasturing and outdoor access.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tierney